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**MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, NSC**

Department of State (Mr. Booth) telephoned this morning that they think the following wording for clarification purposes is better than that given in the seventh paragraph of the Memorandum dated December 9 to the Executive Secretary of National Security Council transmitting the proposed NSCID's:

"While in agreement as to the matters provided for in paragraph 8, 9, and 10 of the Proposed NSCID No. 1, the Intelligence Chiefs request that the attention of the National Security Council be called to the fact that these paragraphs constitute instructions issued directly to the Departments and Agencies by the Council rather than instructions to the Director of Central Intelligence as in all other paragraphs of NSCID No. 1. The Intelligence Chiefs believe that this procedure would be a departure from customary Governmental practice and would establish a precedent, but do not feel competent to advise as to the authority of the Council under the provisions of the National Security Act in this respect."

**PRESGOTT CHILDS
Chief, ICAPS**

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